DD/AIR Broadcasting facilities for NER

847. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most areas of North-East States, specially Manipur, the broadcasting facilities of Doordarshan/ Akashvani have not still been provided;

(b) if so, whether the places are identified; and

(c) the steps taken for extending facilities to these areas at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Radio and TV coverage in North-East Region (including Sikkim) is presently estimated to be available to 93.75% and 82% respectively by population. Area-wise Radio and TV coverage in North-East Region is estimated to be 73.62% and 54% respectively. Radio and TV coverage in Manipur is estimated to be available to 80.4% and 67% by population and 48.3% and 32.1% by area.

In order to further improve AIR/Doordarshan coverage in the North-East States, a number of AIR projects and TV Transmitter projects of Doordarshan as detailed in the Statement are presently under various stages of implementation.

Statement

Details of Projects under implementation for strengthening of Radio and Doordarshan coverage in North-East

Sl. No.	Doordarshan		All India Radio	
	State	Location & Scheme	State	Location & Scheme
1.	Assam	Transposer-Guwahati	Assam	Silchar—20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 10 KW MW)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	VLPTs-Deomali & Italin	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlong-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Khonsa-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr.
3.	Manipur	HPT-Churachandpur	Manipur	Churachandpur-LRS with 6 KW FM Tr. Imphal-10 KW FM Tr. Imphal-300 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50 KW MW)
4.	Mizoram	LPT-Lowngtalai	Mizoram	Chemphai-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Aizawl-6KW FM Tr. Aizawl-20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
5.	Nagaland	Transposer-Barabasti	Nagaland	Phek-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Kohima-100 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 50 KW MW)

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	State	Location & Scheme	State	Location & Scheme
6.	Tripura	LPTs-Amarpur, Ambassa & Jolaibari	Tripura	Dharmanagar-LRS with 1 KW MW Tr. Nutan Bazar-CRS with 1 KW FM Tr. Agartala-10 KW FM Tr. Longtherai-LRS with 6 KW FM Tr.
7.	Sikkim	VLPT-Zorethang	Sikkim	Gangtok-20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. of existing 20 KW MW)
8.			Meghalaya	Shillong-10 KW FM Tr. Tura-20 KW MW Tr. (Repl. *of existing* 20 KW MW)